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In the Claims:

Col.11, line 48, delete "key the" and insert --key to the--(Amend. G, claim 1, lines 5-6).

Col. 12, line 5, delete "random key data" and insert --random key-- (Amend. G, claim 1, line 27).

Col. 12, lines 41-42, delete "said writing encrypted random key to d the storage" and insert --said writing said encrypted random key to the storage-- (Amend. G, claim 7, line 2).

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Please amend claims 1-14 and 16-20, and add new claims 21-28 as follows:

1	1. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting
2	method of protecting data on a storage medium having a plurality of unit storage
3	areas, comprising:
4	a step of generating a random key data, encrypting the said random
5	key data-with a password, and writing the said encrypted random key data to said
6	the storage medium;
7	a step of encrypting the data with the generated random key-data,
8	and writing the encrypted data to said-the storage medium;
9	a step of reading the said encrypted key data from said the storage
10	medium;
11	a step of decoding the said encrypted key data with the said
12	password; and
13	a step of reading and decoding the data on said-the storage medium
14	with the decoded key data,
15	wherein said <u>random</u> key data generating step comprises:
16	a step of generating a different random key data for each of a
17	plurality of unit storage area of the plurality of unit storage areas of said storage
18	medium, so that said each unit storage area is assigned a different random key, and
19	said assignment of said different random key to said each unit storage area being

20 <u>base</u>	ed on a	<u>particular</u>	unit st	orage	area to	<u>which</u>	the da	ata, once	encrypted	, is	to be
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- 22 a step of encrypting each said of the different random key data for each unit storage area keys with said password, and 23
- a step of writing each said of the encrypted key data to said different 24 25 random keys to the storage medium when initializing the storage medium,
- 26 wherein said data encrypting step comprises a step of encrypting the data with the said different random key data corresponding to its said particular 27 unit storage area to write the data, and 28
- 29 wherein said data decoding step comprises a step of decoding the data with the said decoded key data-corresponding to said particular unit storage 30 31 area where the data have been read.
- 1 2. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting 2 method according to claim 1, wherein said random key data-generating step 3 comprises a step of generating the-said random key data-per logic sector on said the storage medium. 4
- 1 3. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting 2 method according to claim 1, wherein said random key data-generating step comprises a step of generating is different key data random keys for each writing 3 to said plurality of unit storage areas. 4

1	7. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting
2	method according to claim 1, wherein said step of writing the said encrypted
3	random key data-to said-the storage medium comprises a step of encrypting the
4	said random key data with a first password, writing the encrypted random key data
5	to said the storage medium, encrypting said first password with a second
6	password, and writing said first the encrypted first password to the storage
7	medium, and said step of decoding the encrypted key data-comprises a step of
8	decoding said first encrypted first password with said second password, and
9	obtaining said first password, and a step of decoding the said encrypted key data
10	with obtained said first password.

- 8. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting apparatus for protecting data on a storage medium, comprising:
- a storage medium having a plurality of unit storage areas; and
 a control circuit for reading and writing the data from and to said
 storage medium,
- 6 wherein said control circuit has:
- a write mode of encrypting, after generating <u>a</u> random key-data, the said random key data—with a password, writing the encrypted key data—to said storage medium, encrypting the data with the <u>random key-data</u>, and writing the encrypted data to said storage medium;